

Add the following new claims:

- <sup>9</sup>47. The tube of claim 1, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>10</sup>48. The tube of claim 2, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>11</sup>49. The tube of claim 3, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>12</sup>50. The tube of claim 4, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>a2</sup> -- <sup>13</sup>51. The tube of claim 5, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>14</sup>52. The tube of claim 6, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>15</sup>53. The tube of claim 7, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --
- <sup>16</sup>54. The tube of claim 8, wherein the mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value is more than 10 Mpa at 1000°C. --

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims and amended claim 1 to promote clarity.  
Applicants have also added new claims 47-54, which depend from claims 1-8, respectively.

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Support for the amendments to claim 1 and new claims all appear in the Table and last paragraph at page 3 of the present specification. Claims 1-8 and 47-54 are now pending.

As all of the pending claims are now in condition for examination, prompt action is respectfully requested. Please apply any charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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